



**MEMORANDUM**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 3, 2016

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring May 2016 Placer County Older Americans' Month

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Proclamation declaring May 2016 as Placer County Older Americans' Month.

**BACKGROUND**

Older adults have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations. Since 1963, communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating and proclaiming Older Americans' Month each May. This proclamation recognizes older Americans for their contributions and demonstrates the County's commitment to helping them stay independent, healthy, and active.

This year's theme for Older Americans' Month is "Blaze a Trail." The theme focuses on how older adults are trailblazers, advocating for themselves, getting engaged in their communities, and using their life experience to make a positive impact in the lives of others. While Placer County Health and Human Services, along with other excellent older adult community services providers, offer services and resources to older adults year-round, and the Placer Older Adult Advisory Commission provides information and advocacy, Older Americans' Month offers an opportunity for us to raise awareness of the contributions older adults bring to our communities and to continue our efforts to help Placer County's older adult population to remain independent, age with dignity, and to be in charge of their lives and their health.

We are requesting the Placer County Board of Supervisors declare the month of May 2016, Placer County Older Americans' Month.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This action has no fiscal impact to the County General Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Proclamation

# **Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California**

**May 3, 2016 In the matter of a Proclamation Recognizing May, 2016 as, Older Americans' Month in Placer County**

The following PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, May 3, 2016.

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**WHEREAS**, Placer County includes a community of approximately 89,000 older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Placer County Health and Human Services and the Older Adult Advisory Commission are committed to valuing older adults and recognizing their ongoing life achievements as well as their desires and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Placer County recognizes that older adults are trailblazers-advocating for themselves, their peers and their communities-paving the way for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Placer County is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults in Placer County are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement.
- Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living.
- Ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT** the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare MAY, 2016 as "Older Americans Month" in Placer County. We urge every citizen to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who contribute to the community

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